

### Ballard Civic Center Public Meeting

#### Skatepark

#### Not in this Park

#### Summary

1. A verbal promise was made to make the skatepark temporary
  2. Find an alternative site
  3. Too noisy for this area
  4. Doesn't mix well with the large number of existing, elderly nearby residents
- The Parks Department stated at the time the site was purchased, and the skateboard. Park was temporarily allowed- that the skateboard park would not become permanent! IT WAS PROMISED!
  - Not everyone is a skateboarder.
  - No skateboard use-it was not envisioned to be permanent.
  - Find alternative site for skateboard park- Let's design an inclusive park-no fences, no exclusive use.
  - Could the bowl be moved to a different location in Ballard?
  - No skateboard park – If it must be there, it has to have a separate entrance.
  - Skate Park Yes! At Ball Ridge Park.
  - We are worried that too much time and energy will go into the debate about including a skateboard park. Decide soon – Yes or No Move on!
  - Skateboards-too noisy to be in Civic Parks.
  - A location nearby for the skateboard park is preferable (not in the park)
  - Avoid mixing skateboards, skates, bikes, scooters with elderly, disabled or retired folk who can be easily knocked down by such vigorous activity, who need open space if they live in multiplexes where they do not have yard and gardens in which to soak up the sun and meet their neighbors.
  - Essential: A peaceful, quiet “backyard” for all the nearby apartment dwellers, no loud music. No noise from skateboards- Sorry Kids!
  - A Location nearby for the skateboard park is preferable(not in this park)

#### Optional/ Concerns

- I live across the street – main concern is noise from skatepark.
- Is this the right site for skateboarding? - alternative site
- Let's see some concepts with and without the skateboard park.
- Consider including the skatepark, but also look at other sites that might be even better.
- Can the skatepark be designed in such popularity, the space can be easily changed- check placement.

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### Skatepark Essential

#### Summary

1. Good intergenerational activity – some older (30-y.o) guys do it too.
2. Why do all parks have to have tiny tot play areas? This is a more interesting park use.
3. This is a good place to keep community eyes on teens and a great way for old and young to be together.
4. Respect the community investment in this park – equity, use, fundraising
5. Ballard has a world class bowl that people from all over come to use.
6. Skateboarding activates the park and makes it a better park.
7. It's a good spectator sport for whole community.
8. What can you do to improve what we have here? Roof, fountain, lights, better equipment?
9. It is possible to marry the skatepark with other desired park elements.

- Must keep skate park
- I am not a skateboarder but I am all for the skateboard park.
- The skatepark serves the community. My 7 year old skates 3 times a week. Everyone is co-operative and helpful at the skatepark. We need to serve whole community.
- Absolutely! This is essential for kids and adults recreation.
- Skateboard Park- Please save the bowl it is a gathering spot for young and old. We enjoy riding it is fun to teach the younger kids to skate and then see them pass us up with their riding skills. Come see some Saturday morning.
- Skatepark serves multigenerational activities we have too many preschool parks.
- Something to meet needs – older kids
- Skateboarding as positive use
- Value of current investment in skateboard park
- Add Music
- Skateboarding brings other business
- Other cities: Bonney Lake and Kirkland as examples
- Skateboarding is all inclusive
- Good as spectator
- Skateboarding needs to be planned, contained
- Uses separated by grades/different elevations
- Safe places for kids/different ages
- Skateboarding is a fundamental current use of site – range of ages
- Skating to watch boarding
- I want the skate park. It is fun. I am 7 years old
- You should build a half-pipe 'cause lots of people like it
- Keep the skate park because I love it!!!
- The bowl because everybody likes it!
- You should build a bowl because other stuff is just not as good.
- Make room for all parts of park. Skate park is one use.
- Keep some skate facilities, even if not as much
- Improve place by improving skatepark and existing bowl could be covered with artistic element for year-round use.

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- Intergenerational activities. Maintain skatebowl and expand overall skatepark.
- Bowl sacred. Donated \$
- Skateboard park bowls must be a part of the plans for this project.
- Keep the skate board bowl in place
- Walk to skatepark with kids – greenery, concerts, using features around family experience.
- The built and natural environment: the skatepark has turned an abandoned concrete jungle into a place for congregation of the community. Imagine how much more potential the skateboard park has when surrounded by greenspace and art.
- All age acceptance is necessary. It's worked in the younger group in the Bowl. Keep it up for making this.
- Remember: a cement skateboard park can be integrated into the "green" theme advocated by the Olmsted Brothers. The cement, the youth, the exercise, the learning make the skatepark part of the urban landscape.
- I drive out from Bellevue about 5 to 6 times a week to skate the bowl. Do not destroy it. You don't know what you have here so save the bowl!
- Please look for a design that marries green with keeping the skateboard park.
- The skate bowl gives everyone something to do in the park – plus it is entertainment for onlookers.
- Incorporate existing skatepark or develop new skatepark to fit in the plan for this park.
- Neighborhood connections: skatepark is a place where students, engineers, architects, slackers, excellers, people of all races, age and background can congregate and form connections.
- A nature park is not as cool as the bowl that's there.
- Keep the bowl in place
- Just keep the skatepark and make it fit with everything else
- Make a place to skate
- Continue skatepark for kids and adults to enjoy and roof it over.
- The skatebowl is a vital connection to the community in that all generations participate in a healthy activity.
- Some numbers on skateboard use to remember: October 12<sup>th</sup> 26 kids; October 15<sup>th</sup> 18 kids; October 21<sup>st</sup> 32 kids; October 28<sup>th</sup> 26 kids. This density of use in an abandoned lot. Now that's potential!
- Ballard is on the map with its skateboard park. Let's keep it and be happy!
- As a senior I get a lot of pleasure watching the kids skateboard. QFC clean up our dumpster site!
- Integrate the park with the Ballard skateboard park.
- The bowl is an art form, everyone loves it, so keep it.
- Keep the bowl (with all the volunteer time and donations invested in it – it is something that has had the direct involvement and input of the community). Improve the "street" skate section so that it will keep the youth challenged and not bored. Integrate it into a buster section of the park where noise will not be as much of an issue.
- Reduce crime, keep teens busy. Not all kids want to teeter totter. Save our skatepark!
- Give our older kids a future – don't kick them out of every park – the skate park is integral to our community. It is a safe, active area for teens.
- Keep the SK8 bowl.
- The skatebowl in the park will help dispel stereotypes and clichés about skateboarders – everyone will enjoy it – skating and watching.
- A plan that incorporates the skatepark must keep in mind the company that brought us the bowl: Grindline.
- Blend the skate park into the rest of the plan. Shelter/lights for skating.

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- Wall off QFC Trash dump. Roof over bowl.
- Skateboard park with viewing area. Access to bowl from 57<sup>th</sup> St and not thru the park. Separate but include, make us all want to come and watch.
- Flexibility in design to allow different uses in the same space. Covered space and light for night activities.
- Concept “useable for a variety of activities.” The design element on this board is extremely passive. Why limit this space to relaxation? Provide an element of exercise (skateboard bowl) that will attract active youth.
- Concept “individual relaxation and play” from ages 5 through 50 skateboarders ride bowls for both relaxation and play. General Design “Maximize green space” paint the bowl green or use green gravel cement. Furnishings “water feature or fountain projects” bowl with a fountain in the middle.
- This park should be a gathering area with multiple uses from relaxing and enjoying art and scenery, to recreation such as music, film and skateboarding.
- Families, children and elderly all need to utilize this gathering and recreational space collectively. This can certainly be achieved with efficient and innovative design, allowing for greenery, art, entertainment and recreation such as skatepark.
- Save money by keeping the skatepark
- No playground. Park shouldn’t be one-sided. Open plan with stage in center. Keep the skatepark.
- Green, green, green and skateboard park.
- Keep all ages, interests in mind. “Kids” of all ages use and come together at our skatepark.
- Mixed uses with sidewalk cafes in back of new QFC spilling into park – let kids, seniors, skaters, walkers, picnickers interact.
- Integrate the skatepark as is, or a new intro to the Master Plan so the existing park brings together young and old alike.
- Community has invested in skatepark (including many individual donations). Preserve the existing bowl/park. Preserve the investment.
- The Bowl is \$50K to build and that is not even touching the Parks budget.
- A place for all ages (keep the skatepark).
- Join the entire community, all ages by offering something for everyone, including the skatepark and a reflecting quiet area.
- Vision: a commons area where different groups and different communities are promoted to bring different elements and ages and interests together to build a common civic bond.
- There are skate parks being built all over the northwest, what stop before Ballard? Find a way to keep the bowl. Its important to the community of Ballard.
- Integrate Ballard skate park with Master Plan of Park
- Shelter our Ballard skate park in Master Plan
- Night lighting for skatepark
- Use a water element as a space/sound bridge between skate park and natural area
- Drawing with central stage, skatepark to the west, grass surround
- What is the noise level of the skatepark?
- Foster skateboarding as a positive alternative for at-risk youth featuring: positive attitude, athletic accomplishment, sense of community.
- Active elements!! Bring people, all of them, together: 1) Toddler water wading; 2) chess and skateboarding; 3) swings along the promenade like in the Berkeley Rose Garden; 4) ½ court sound absorbent basketball court; 5) teen programming
- Gazebo, bandstand, grass areas, roof over skatepark

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- Integrate skateboarders as eyes on the park – making it safer for other users, not less safe. Many parks are underused. This one obviously isn't.
- The skateboard concrete bowl is compatible with any park – save the bowl!
- A vision to integrate a peaceful green space with the skate park the youth of Ballard need this park and this outlet. It can co-exist together. Hire a GOOD landscape architect.
- Vision: image a park with active and passive elements that encompasses both urban values and green space. This vision can be accomplished with the existing bowl surrounded by green space. Please don't create a park that is only used by senior citizens. Ballard is getting younger.
- Let's all work together and make the SK8 park and the new park as one great park 4 all!!
- If noise is an issue with keeping the skate park, we could plant greenery, shrubs, etc. to protect both the skaters and the people seeking solitude.
- I hope we have the vision to leave the "Ballard Bowl." It is a PGA west type of course. Meaning that it is one of the best parks in the NW. Thank you for considering this. I believe it is an asset to Ballard. We ride with pride.
- Inclusive of all ages: skatepark, graffiti wall, benches, etc.
- Multigenerational inclusivity – keep skateboard park – make it artistic.
- Integrate trees, art, plants and the skatepark to create something that truly represents the neighborhood.
- Skatepark essential. Let us keep all ages in the park.
- Keep skateboard park!
- Maintain and expand present skateboard park.
- Should also add lighting around skate area for use during winter months.
- Keep existing Bowl, demolish street park and build "Skate plaza". Another bigger, deeper bowl by Grindline. [www.grindline.com](http://www.grindline.com)
- Keep the skatepark idea but build a more permanent, attractive skatepark. The existing wood structures are deteriorating from weather and use.
- Preserve Skate Park!
- Preserve the skate Board Park, teenagers need a place to play.
- Save the skateboard bowl so that the park is truly for everyone. Should not be overpowered by traditional pastoral visions. There should be things for everyone to do.
- Keep skateboarding it is impressive and encourages usage by many aged of people.
- Skateboard park is a great way to get old and young together to interact in a positive outlet.
- Our older children need a place to go be action and stay out of trouble.
- Save the skateboard bowl- can landscape around it. It's in the corner. It provides healthy
- Activity for all generations children, teens and adults.
- The skateboard is a necessary element to the park. Many people utilize the one that already exists. In the Kirkland Park that is the most utilized are of that park and it is a huge park. I believe it will draw a lot of our neighborhood. Children and adults, keep the skate area.
- You shouldn't tear down the bowl because lot's of people want to learn how to skate the bowl.
- I am not a skateboarder but I love watching the boarders skills and energy. I pass by just to see what's happily and hear the sounds.
- Yes and enlist energy and enthusiasm of skateboarders to maintain, update police ect. Get real investments from user.
- Preserving the existing skatepark should be a priority. After 28 years of skateboarding I can speak to the positive value that a facility the caliber of the Ballard bowl brings to the city. This is a local

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treasure an international landmark that skateboarders will fight to preserve. Nick Dollett-nickdalespeakeasy

- Incorporate existing skate park
- Design new park to mesh with park plans- the area can be designed to accommodate skaters and non skaters.
- The skate bowl is the best a very limited number of resources for skater in Seattle. Please combine it with future park.
- **YOU SHOULD KEEP THE SKATE BOWL!**
- Keep the skate park.
- Keep existing bowl and add Cove Red Shelter
- Ballard Bowl-keep the bowl in the future park design. Built by the people who skate the bowl-tight community, place to meet and hangout – VERY POSITIVE
- You should build a bowl.
- The skateboard park is a very important part of the community; it is like a basketball court, shuffle board or any other are where people come together to have fun in a healthy safe environment.
- Water fountain for the skate bowl
- Provide covered cement bowl.
- Hey, let's have a skateboard park in there too! All the suburbs have great skateboard parks but there is only one for the entire City of Seattle. A Ballard Neighborhood Skateboard Park!
- The Ballard Bowl is world renown and to destroy it would be a crying shame. There is no where else in Seattle to skate a bowl like Ballard Bowl. A Ballard Neighborhood Skateboard Park!
- Skateboard bowl could be doubled as a concert space(with a moat).
- The Ballard Bowl is a national skateboard Landmark-professionals always make an effort to come to Ballard.
- Design Park- for interested EHD- users Skaters>
- Skateboard Bowl should stay with a roof.
- Keep existing skatepark, build cover over with lights maybe scenic look out above the bowl.
- Keep the skate bowl. Bob Cat
- The bowl is a must! So is an improved 'street' course. The rest of the park can have Green Space, Trees etc. to section off more quiet areas. Remember public parks are not libraries.
- Add to existence skatepark. It will be the most used section of the park.
- Keeping the skateboard park is essential. I myself travel in from out-of-town one or more times, 9 weeks to skate here.
- The bowl brings \$money\$ to Ballard from around the world (mostly to QFC).
- Keeps kids out of trouble.
- The skate park provides a position, young energy to the area and demonstrates acceptance of different healthy outdoor activities.
- The Ballard Bowl is already looking for money in, this could lower the overall budget for the Park.
- Keep existing park-respect the investment that the community has made. It's also known as one of the best in the skate Ballard Bowl is famous don't throw that fame away!
- Ballard bowl is the best SK8 Park in the state of Washington east of the Puget Sound.
- Unique asset!
- The Ballard Bowl has become internationally known, and has drawn professional skateboarders from around the world.
- The "Ballard Bowl" skatepark will continue to bring commerce to the area.

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- Preserve the Skatepark
- I've skated with guys from Prague, London, Australia, Japan and more. It's also great for all ages!
- The skate park offers an excellent no-competitive environment for children to get exercise, socialize and learn from older kids and adults. Our parks should offer safe programs targeted to pre-adolescents, as well as to seniors and pre-school aged kids. The skateboard park is a safe, contained place for kids, teens and adults.
- The skate park provides a safe, off street place for young kids to enjoy this fast growing and popular activity.
- The temporary skateboard park has become valuable part of Ballard. It is a great place for kids to gather-we need that. It works! Find a way to make it work with Seniors and hopefully promote interaction of generations.
- The skate park is intergenerational! I spend many hours there as a mother of a seven year old. Skates are helping my son out, with tips. I see senior citizens walking the skaters with great interest. The whole community is invited?
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- Small children and families like to skate too (or water skaters). Many elderly residents also enjoy watching the skate park. Consider trees or other visual barriers to separate from other areas? Existing park is a point of community pride-let's not tear that down!
- Separate covered cement skateboard bowl.
- Allow "Grind line" to work with community on design and expansion of skate park.
- Roof over bowl/grass patches and trees outside edges.
- Add some lights around skate park for use during winter months.

### Misc.

1. **If the bowl does not stay we want to be involved in design**
2. **Interest in public art – legal graffiti art as in Redmond (wall)**
3. **Let elderly and skaters learn from each other do not isolate groups creating tension and fear.**
4. **Coexist with skateboarders-don't leave out existing parks. it is heavily used and loud – just improve!**

### VISION

#### Summary

**Ballard is a working neighborhood with an industrial history and a little bit of grit ... the park should acknowledge this character**

- **Ballard is a community in transition.** Reflect the diversity of Ballard.
- **Please enough of the Scandinavian theme** – we are burdened with this in every Ballard civic project. Let it go, look to the future. (52-y.o. and 20-y.o. Ballard residents)
- Celebrate new Asian presence in Ballard – Scandinavian's been done.
- Community diversity Increasing density
- Respecting reality of what is here now
- Look for ways to integrate Scandinavian image.
- Working class, blue collar (please no excess Scandinavian themes)
- No more clichéd Scandinavian links to the past. We've got Bergen Park!
- No playground, no Scandinavian theme – Ballard needs to move with the times and the Scandinavian theme is dated. Fountain yes. Good lighting yes.
- Ballard People ask more than Scandinavian in calling it a “commons”
- The Scandinavian theme park idea is OLD, a cliché – forget it. Make it a great park for the diversity of Ballard.

**Ballard is the new innovative place in Seattle.** Let's integrate diverse activities across generations. Let's show the way.

- Ballard is a happening place. Restaurants, music venues, art. People are coming here, to “our” neighborhood to create place for us to interact with each other and with our visitors. Think broad. Include us but also orient the park to our Ballard visitors.
- Ballard is unique – original
- Active elements!! Bring people, all of them, together: 1) Toddler water wading; 2) chess and skateboarding; 3) swings along the promenade like in the Berkeley Rose Garden; 4) ½ court sound absorbent basketball court; 5) teen programming
- Vision: image a park with active and passive elements that encompasses both urban values and green space. Please don't create a park that is only used by senior citizens. Ballard is getting younger.
- Active space surrounded by art that diffuses the concrete into the green space.
- The place is the heart of a changing, diverse community – I envision a vibrancy, attractive design, a meeting place with multiple uses for multiple needs/desires.
- Dynamic, colorful, whimsical fun play in sun and water.
- This park should be a gathering area with multiple uses from relaxing and enjoying art and scenery, to recreation such as music, film and skateboarding.
- Mixed uses with sidewalk cafes in back of new QFC spilling into park – let kids, seniors, skaters, walkers, picnickers interact.
- Let retail uses from new QFC spill into park and live it, keep it safe-busy and fun.
- Policy on Buskers? =musicians?



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### **Flexibility in development of site for future generations – evolution**

- This park needs to connect to the heart of the community by serving the people in it.
- Park should be for many different uses. Opportunity for people from different user groups to come together.
- The park should offer alternative activities for different groups to foster interaction and community spirit.
- An area for a wide segment of the community to use together
- A variety of everyday activity
- With density, a place for solitude “it’s all in the design
- Variety of elements to attract varied users
- The park should offer alternative activities for different groups to foster interaction and community spirit.
- This is a true urban park, it needs to be flexible to work with all groups, to change, to evolve.
- Vision: a commons area where different groups and different communities are promoted to bring different elements and ages and interests together to build a common civic bond.
- Use space as is for community events
- Avoid the closed-minded view that parks are for only some and the few Parks are for everyone and therefore should possess something for everyone-young, middle and elderly.
- Flexible space.
- Generally you are speaking about community. Community is having a place for everyone. Think gardens, lawn, places for learning, activities (all activities) not kiosks, promenades, food vendors-those things are already in the community. Use the money to build community not to consume. Beautiful space is a sense of community and a beautiful space is a place to come together in many ways.
- If we can coexist here, it’s a great way to learn from others-a lesson we can take into a broader world.
- It is important that the park be for everyone, that everyone will be welcome and feel welcome. There should be a vision beyond the usual cliché pastoral vision of a park. It should have real function, not just be “pretty.”
- This park should have the sophistication of a European park with a focal point in the center such as a fountain with grassy spaces surrounding it.

### **A safe place to be**

- Safe places for kids/different ages
- Control noise for neighbors.

### **Park should also demonstrate sustainable elements, conservation and stewardship.**

- Green grass, open space, air.
- Bring in some BIG trees.
- Sustainability: how is stormwater treated? Low maintenance and low water use plants.
- Living park with trees and flowers
- Wide open areas
- Something other than maritime water themes

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### **Open air shelter, gazebo.**

- Drama with grade change in amphitheater
- A gazebo or some such where music could be played and park goers sit and listen on the grass.
- Gazebo, bandstand, grass areas, roof over skatepark
- Water play – concerts picnics

### **Something meditative**

- A place where an elderly person can sit and watch children play.
- A patch of green for the children to play.
- Gardens in which to soak up the sun and meet neighbors.
- Essential: A peaceful, quiet “backyard” for all the nearby apartment dwellers, no loud music.
  
- Moveable seating near food kiosk
- Yes make them moveable-people use chairs they can adjust
- Stationary seating doesn’t work.
- Absolutely-places to sit, read, think and write etc. Benches especially.
- Benches for sure.
  
- **Everyone deserves a safe, comfortable place to be** (even bums).
- Have a little compassion-you could be tomorrows “Bums”.

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### PLACE

**Park is a border of sorts between commercial Ballard and residential.**

#### **What is relationship to other transportation systems?**

- Bike parking – “park and ride”
  - Connect to Burke Gilman trail
  - Connect with 24<sup>th</sup> St pier, Burke Gilman, Golden Gardens
  - Connect with monorail
  - Integrate with Monorail planning
  - Cycling
  - 58<sup>th</sup> acts as a parking lot after Safeway lot gets full.
  - 22<sup>nd</sup> is people oriented. Encourage more people and less cars.
  - Parking concern – west side
  - Connection to ship canal and other spaces?
  - Primarily a place for residents within walking distance – elderly, families, children.
  - Create a bus stop
  - Easy public transportation would eliminate parking requirements, promote public transportation, and encourage younger (non-drivers) to participate.
  - No Parking!
  - Open to Avenue Sidewalk
  - Let’s design an inclusive park-no fences, no exclusive use.
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- Park needs to help build 22<sup>nd</sup> as the connection from Ballard Ave, Marvin’s Garden, Bergen Place, Market Street, Library, etc. to residential Ballard.

**Work with QFC to encourage retail uses** along the park edge. Backside of QFC @ NW corner could be an amphitheater for plays, concerts, parties and celebrations.

- Questions of QFC development impact
- Mixed uses with sidewalk cafes in back of new QFC spilling into park – let kids, seniors, skaters, walkers, picnickers interact.

- The heart of Ballard is often busy. The park is a quiet place to rest in the center.
- Uses separated by grades/different elevations
- Transition active – less active/S – N
- Variety of spaces responding to varied surrounding/nearby land uses

#### **Reduce Garbage smell behind QFC**

- Better drainage by the dumpster. Less smells!
- QFC clean up our dumpster site!
- Turn garbage dump into area of pride. Back end of QFC.
- Garbage aroma.

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**Celebrate new Asian presence in Ballard – Scandinavian's been done.**

**Maritime Not Scandinavian**

**Respect the water “estuary and basin” of original land. Restore the landscape.**

- Sustainability: how is stormwater treated? Low maintenance and low water use plants.
- Control noise for neighbors.
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- Where are the seating areas – picnics, chess, kids play area and playground equipment?

# PROGRAM

### Kiosk/ Food Vendors

- No! Enough business already going on around park.
- Community information kiosk- not commercial.
- Kiosk Yes!!
- Food Vendors- Yes to let sidewalk café's spill out from new QFC
- Food Yes!
- Not in this Park
- No, absolutely not
- No
- No give support to surrounding business instead
- No Vendors!
- No vendors to compete with established businesses.
- No, a good place for local working people to bring and eat their lunch.
- No, keep off food off parks- don't undercut existing businesses.
- No need-plenty of shops one to two blocks away- keep away –keep park biz free!

### Essential

- Coffee kiosk would be great.
- Food vendors-especially summer ice cream, beverages, hot dogs ect.
- Ties into picnics-need tables/benches/seats/kids food! Inexpensive!
- Yes-food and buskers (entertainers) encourage!

### Plaza

- Limit landscape, must be permeable.
- Essential! Amp Theater for the Arts
- Build in infrastructure for events ie. Power and water, driveways and drains. Good design results in less impact.
- It would be nice.

### Pedestrian Lights

- Yes-make it a safe place to be.
- No-sodium lighting-keep it pedestrian scale but "white" light.
- Yes-but down light to respect nearby residences?
- Check position
- Yes-to utilize a park to the fullest light must be available at dusk as a minimum.
- Fountain yes. Good lighting yes.

### Trees

- Big Beautiful trees will live 500 years.
- Please more trees in Ballard, shade trees. Yes but with large trees.
- Yes, trees, paths = community
- Katsura's Condon
- Yes, plane trees or Copper Beach for large canopy

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- Trees are key for beauty and shade
- Yes definitely- a promenade is a key meeting/gathering spot for a community. Yes, please for a large trees- I would love deciduous trees although it may make more maintenance.
- Large trees needed.
- Want big trees
- Nature! Trees and native plants.

### Lawn

- Large lawn-If you do the lawn, please try alternatives to grass.
- Lawn Not necessary-this space is limited and other uses would fit the community better.
- **Lawn Not necessary-need to conservation elements-Eco landscape turf**
- Lawn Low water use No waste use
- Reduce chemical use
- No chemical use
- **A big lawn is not the only option for open space. Use watershed wise options – gardens, nature plants, consider storm water runoff.**
- No lawn but low maintenance some grass = Eco Turf but use bark-natural products – no pesticides.
- **Yes, trees...what is a park without large trees?**
- **Large lawn is essential.**
- Lawn is great for relaxing in the summer.
- Large Lawn/ Essential
- Labyrinth for meditation as part of lawn.
- Yes, yes, yes!!! A place to sit, play and picnic of course.
- Large lawn able to accommodate small musical events.

### Bathroom

- Need bathrooms
- No comfort station. Requires maintenance ( expensive) and would be abused by Street People. (In direct response to the above comment) What are they supposed to do?
- Yes absolutely but must be maintained and not a magnet for trouble or troubled.
- Absolutely-with soap-baby changing and handicapped stall.
- Yes!
- Especially important for small children and elderly.

### Water feature

- Don't forget a connection to the water maritime theme.
- Large mast reminiscent of schooner or water components and or Good Shepard Center Center. Contained stream?

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Community members made recommendations and provided comments on post-it notes at three Open House stations on place, vision, and program. These community comments provided significant information as conceptual designs were developed. 14

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- Need Maritime influence.
- Like Olympia Like Portland Rose Garden Like Berlin Like KOMO Fisher Plaza
- Alternating movement dynamic surprise
- Also multiuse-landscape/stage at other times
- Active Elements- all generation-active H2O soul picture
- Water. Build steps with water going down the steps.
  
- Fisher Plaza Comparable water elements-when dry could be a concert pad performance
  
- Water feature/stream bed with boulder's
  
- Not: water features end up attracting too many birds (poop) Dirty and Stinky
  
- Dynamic water features-sprts of water splash's something for summer.
- Art is a must for this park. I would like to see a water feature but a least several sculptures.
  
- Water feature if enough money .
  
- Interactive water feature.
  
- Use a water element as a space/sound bridge between skate park and natural area
- Ballard = connection to the water. Put in a dynamic water feature for kids to play in the sun maybe flat for multiuse.

# NEW PROGRAM USES THAT ORIGINATED AT MEETING

### Save existing building

- How many other buildings of this size does the community have available for people to use for events, large prospects (like the mosaic that was built here), and other activities?
- How many other outdoor parks does this community have?
- Aviary area to address existing building use.
- Use the building space as is in a creative way for a community center
- Enclosed play space for the birds to replace use of current space. A small aviary.
- This building is a unique asset
- Keep building for indoor “off-leash” bird area
- Aviary area to address existing building use.
- Use the building space as is in a creative way for a community center Lee Zuhars 632-0332
- Aviary Area!
- Not considered: keep the building. It’s unique, versatile and useful.
- Use the space as a community gatherings and social events. Lee Zelman 632-0332
- Large Enclosed Space For Year Around Use

### Art

- Arch-as focus
- Kiosk-rotating art
- Interest in public art – legal graffiti art as in Redmond (wall)
- 2% for public art!
- Yes yes support art.

### Gazebo, bandstand.

- Water feature, Fisher Plaza, water scale feature.
- Shelter from rain
- Gazebo to be used as a place for entertainment or getting out of the rain.
- Gazebo

### Bicycle features

- Bicycling group meeting area
- Would be great to motivate XC bicycle trips. Start here! End here! Or pass through here and stop for water, bathroom and rest in the grass.
- Bike parking – “park and ride”
- Cycling starts/stops/way point-water stop-restroom stop -easy access to quick bikeable food and connects to 24<sup>th</sup> street , Pier for water access.
- **\*Cycling Hot Spot Make a good, safe, easy to follow connector to Burke-Gilman Cycling** commuter “Parks and Go” with Good all weather parking spots w/easy access to buses.
- Bicycle destination-water fountains, bike racks, restrooms, place for cyclists to meet.



## **Community comments on Park 10/28/03**

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### **Chess**

- Chess tables
  - In moveable chess tables.
- Chess and checkers room Open 10:00am to 10:00pm everyday, minimal dues. Have greater, record keeper type, paid positions, give lessons tournaments, etc.
- basketball / 4 square, Chess?

### **Misc**

- Incorporate poles to hold a movie screen and speakers/outdoor theater.
- Labyrinth
- Possible “sister city” relationship reflective of multi-ethnic flavor of Ballard. Art or structure to reflect this.
- Groundswell NW and Rotary may be able to fundraise for features.
- Maybe part of the plan should be to find new locations for activities that will be displaced like the indoor facility.
- Alternative health care small business art – glass blowing/studios
- Playground area for kids
- basketball / 4 square, Chess?
- Rock Climbing wall(3 votes)
- Tile-individual mosaic designs created by kids

### **Green design**

- Roof gardens would be great to add green especially as Ballard grows up.
- Low water use.
- Consider solar lighting and low impact.
- Build the park “LEEDS” green design, green built, re-use, recycling.
- Build Green: low impact development, storm water runoff innovative solutions, green roof.

### **Community garden**

- Community garden would bring people to the park – increase activity and safety.
- P-Patch
- Educational elements-seniors/youth/community/etc.
- Gardens! Children’s garden work with Seattle Tilth.
- Demo Gardens ala Bradner Gardens
- P- Patch-urban food garden.